

wherein the information item on the service provider is information posted on an internet message board.

16. (new) The method as claimed in claim 15, in which the ident code (15) is transmitted, together with a handling instruction (20, 30, 40) relating to the information item, to the service provider by the information provider.

17. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, in which, during the transmission of the ident code (15), together with a handling instruction (20, 30, 40), by the information provider, the service provider handles the information item (10) in accordance with the handling instruction (20, 30, 40).

18. (new) The method as claimed in claim 16, in which the handling instruction comprises at least one of changing the information item (30), retaining the information item (20), and deleting the information item (40).

19. (new) The method as claimed in claim 15, in which the monitoring period can be predetermined.

20. (new) The method as claimed in claim 15, in which the monitoring period takes place automatically.